India is obliged to extend product patent protection to pharmaceutical and chemical sectors from 1-1-2005. At present, pharmaceutical products are being exported from India to other developing countries.

Exports by MMTC

2483. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MMTC has posted 32 per cent growth in exports;

(b) whether the company has been awarded for this excellent performance;

(c) whether the company has penetrated the Chinese market for ores and if so, details thereof; and

(d) the total export to China and to other countries during the year 2001-2002, mineral-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) Sir, MMTC has posted over 38% growth in exports during the period April—December 2002, as compared with the same period last year.

(b) Yes, Sir. MMTC is the first Public Sector Undertaking to be awarded the status of Golden Super Star Trading House in November 1999. Since 1991-1992, MMTC has won the prestigious CAPEXIL award for the highest mineral exports for the 11th time in a row.

(c) MMTC has successfully penetrated the Chinese market for ores, especially Iron Ore and Chrome Ore. MMTC's Iron ore, Chrome ore and Manganese ore exports to China during the last three years are as follows:-

(Quantity: Lakh Tonnes; Value: Rs. Crores)

Commodity	2000-01		2001-02		2002-03 (Provisional)	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
Iron ore	67.88	459.78	65.34	480.69	63.66	469.68
Chrome ore	4.01	113.70	4.53	101.22	5.50	124.80
Manganese ore	0.42	10.90	0.51	14.60	0.74	14.60
TOTAL :		584.38		596.51		609.08

(d) MMTC's mineral-wise exports to China and to other countries during 2001-2002 are as follows:

(Quantity: Lakh Tonnes; Value: Rs. Crores)

Country	Iron ore		Manganese ore		Chrome ore	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
China	65.34	480.69	0.51	14.60	4.53	101.22
Japan	52.78	510.45	1.31	22.20	-	-
S. Korea	18.78	190.86	0.68	11.60	-	-
Pakistan	5.29	41.68	0.28	4.10	-	-
TOTAL :	142.19	1,223.68	2.78	52.50	*4.53	101.22

* includes Concentrates

Import of petroleum products

†2484. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been increase in the import of petroleum products including crude oil for the last few years;

(b) if so, the amount and value of the crude oil and other petroleum products imported during the year 2000-01, 2001-02 and first 10 months of 2002-2003 separately; and

(c) the percentage of the said import value in each of the said years in comparison to the total import value of the country, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) to (c) It would be seen from the details of import of petroleum products including crude oil given below that, in value terms, the increase has not been uniform during the period under reference.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.